

traverse, and for examination purposes only, method of use claim 27 drawn to a method of treating a condition associated with p38 kinase activity in a mammal.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, as provided under 35 U.S.C. §121, on the subject matter of any claim held withdrawn from consideration in this application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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